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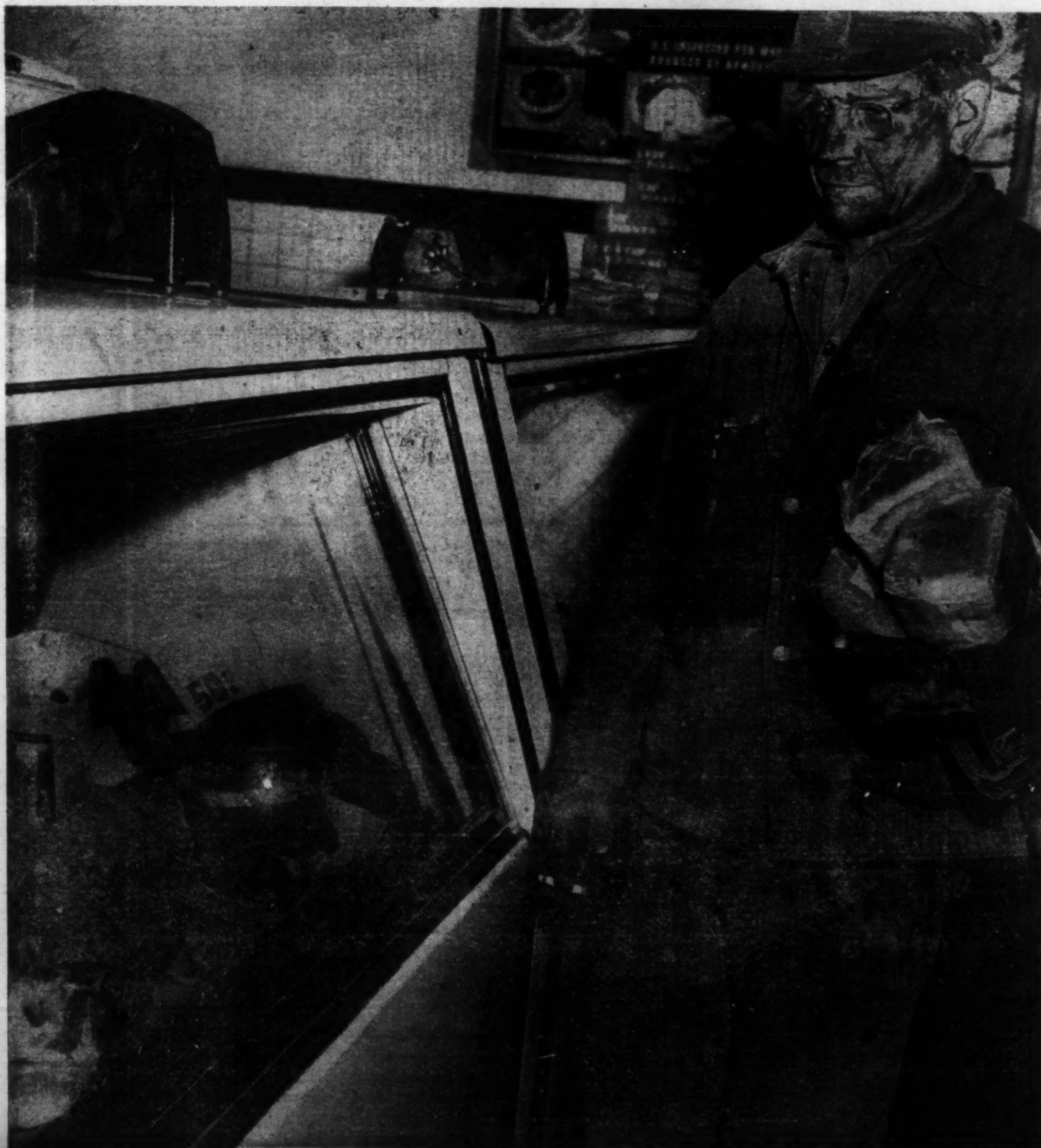
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A Coal Town on Strike

Even a miner can look at a feast—but only through a show case. This soft coal miner of Ellsworth, Pa., with loaves of bread under his arm, gazed at the butcher's display of steaks and roasts. "Too high," was his only comment, heard by the Daily Worker cameraman. The miners of Ellsworth, who dig coal for Bethlehem Steel, and the rest of the 400,000 bituminous miners, are determined to stay out until they can meet some of the increases in the cost of living. And they want an end to the long hours they must now spend underground to make up for their low pay rate.

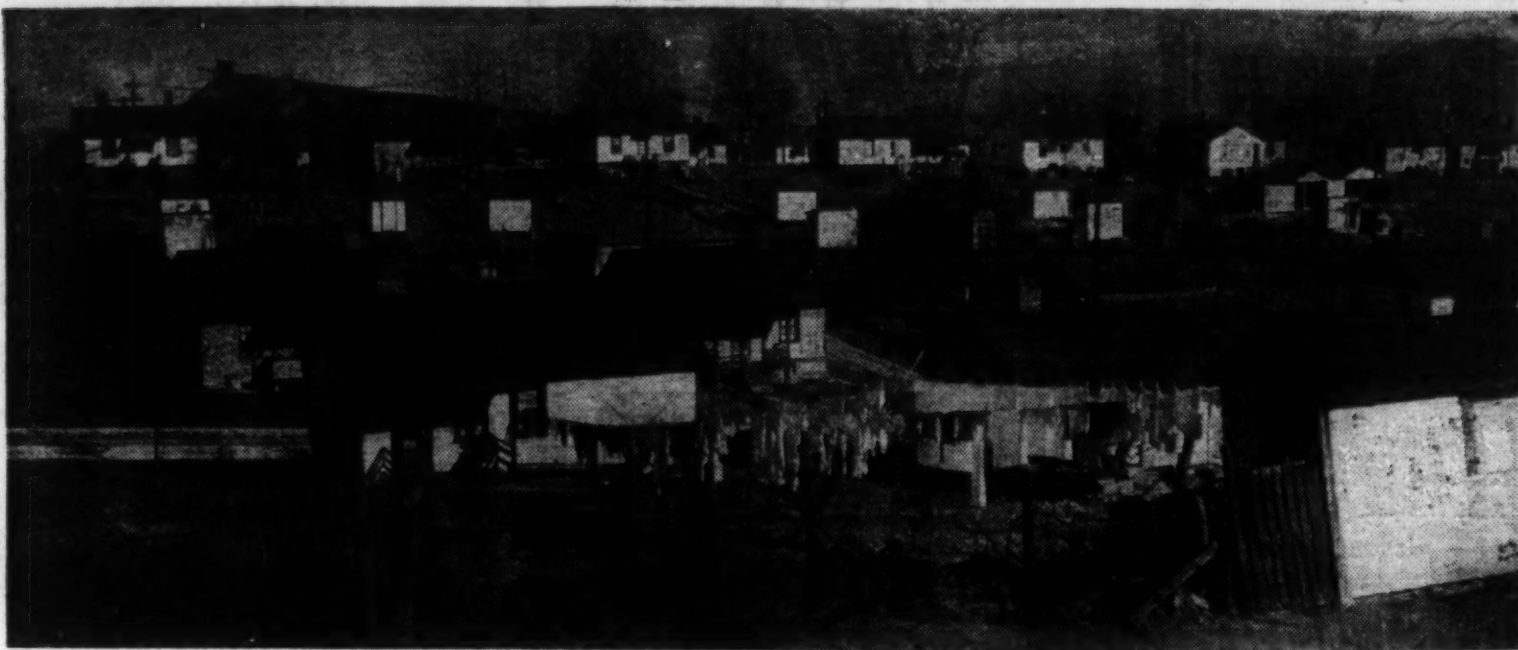
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Miners Firm Against Threat

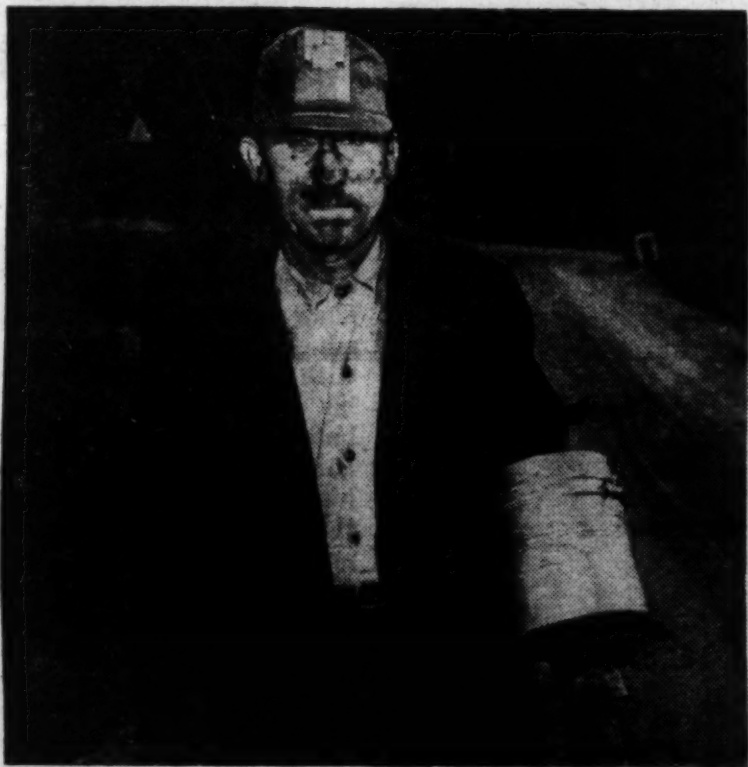
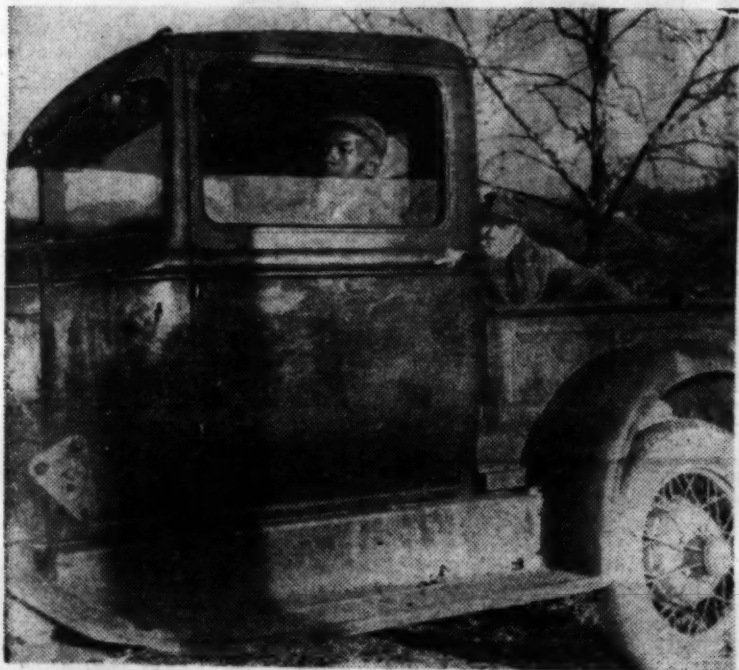
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A Coal Town Called Ellsworth . . .



THE MINING TOWN of Ellsworth, south of Pittsburgh, where those who dig coal for Bethlehem Steel have joined the struggle of 400,000 for a living wage and more reasonable hours. The men who live in these shacks refuse to knuckle under to injunction slavery.

—Daily Worker Photos by Art



HE WANTS SHORTER HOURS, at same pay, and time for lunch—he's allowed only 15 minutes now. Charles Sheryo, Ellsworth miner, shown above, is father of eight children, says he works 10-11 hours a day.

At right is the last shift leaving the Ellsworth mine.



At Home Till Victory: The young miner in the picture above, is Bill Gladfelter. Besides him, as he stands in front of his home, is his wife, Marjorie. Bill works in the Ellsworth mine run by Bethlehem Steel in Washington County, south of Pittsburgh. Bill's father-in-law, John Harris, is a borough policeman, but Harris is 100 percent for the union, having been an official of UMW Local 1190 until last July.

Above, left, in the truck, are miners going home from their last day shift at the Ellsworth mine. A Negro miner is driving. Passenger in the rear is a white miner.



Molotov Scores Attempts To Evade Data on Troops

By Helen Simon

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 22.—Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov warned the United Nations Political and Security Committee today against sidetracking the Soviet proposal that information be given the Security Council on troops remaining on foreign soil.

It might appear, Molotov said, that there is no desire to furnish the information and that member states are "anxious" to retain troops abroad "as long as possible."

He spoke against a British proposal to link discussion on troops abroad with reduction in armaments. The latter, he pointed out, is a long term proposition.

Evasion and delay would harm UN prestige, Molotov asserted, declaring it would be better for certain nations to admit frankly that they want to keep their troops in other countries.

Replying to Sen. Tom Connally's angry speech of Wednesday, Molotov noted certain "misunderstandings."

Connally had blamed the Soviet Union for continued occupation of Austria, but Molotov recalled Britain, U. S., France and the Soviet Union had agreed on occupation zones and control.

Connally had complained troops in ex-enemy countries would influence the internal situation there. True, Molotov said, that's why they are there.

Molotov expressed surprise that Connally had continued to demand that the Soviet Union agree to include information on troops in ex-enemy countries, when that is just what the Soviet Union had done.

He added that the Soviet delegation has no objections to the U.S. demand that information also be made available on troops at home,

but this, he said, should come up in relation to arms production.

CARDS ON TABLE

He said the Soviet, French and Chinese delegations had "laid their cards on the table"—in Connally's phrase—as to where their troops were still stationed abroad. The U.S. and British delegations had not.

The Soviet delegation had fulfilled its agreement to quit Iran, he noted, but troops of other powers apparently remain. He questioned U.S. retention of troops in China and bases in Panama, Brazil and Iceland.

If the reasons for this are made public, he suggested, it would stop rumors.

Earlier, Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, of India, backed Molotov's proposals. She spoke of Indian resentment at the use of Indian troops against the Indonesian republic.

One of the new Indian government's first acts, she said, was to arrange for their withdrawal by the end of this month. She added the hope that "the few Indian troops still in Iraq will be withdrawn shortly."

Alexandre Parodi, of France, and Vlada Popovich, of Yugoslavia, also backed Molotov's proposal. Sen. Tom Connally issued a conciliatory statement at the end of the session, saying the U.S. is willing to make full information available on its armed forces "wherever they may be stationed."

Sitdown Strike in Massachusetts Jail

BOSTON, Nov. 22 (UP).—For the second time this year, inmates at the Massachusetts State Prison in Charlestown staged a sitdown strike today.

Warden Francis J. W. Lanagan said about 100 men in automobile shop No. 2 and underwear shop No. 3 were involved.

A total of 566 men are inmates of the prison.

The sitdown strikers were marched back to their cells without incident.



Act Against Franco: Dan Wells, (right) executive secretary of the New York Committee to Win the Peace, greets D. Ales Bebler, deputy foreign minister of Yugoslavia, Bebler, who was a member of the International Brigade in Spain, will speak at the dinner Nov. 26, at the Hotel Roosevelt, in honor of the Spanish Government-in-Exile. The dinner will launch a nationwide anti-Franco drive. Meanwhile the committee is calling on New York anti-fascists to join a picket line today against the Franco ship, Marques de Comillas, at Pier 53, North River near 14th St., between 3 and 5 p.m.

FRANCE, USSR BACK WFTU

Special to the Daily Worker

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 22.—France and the Soviet Union tried to win support today for the World Federation of Trade Unions' request that it be given greater influence in the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

AVC Asks Bradley Aid On Vet Jobless Aid

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—The American Veterans Committee has asked Veterans Administrator Gen. Omar N. Bradley to join AVC in asking congressional repeal of the section of the GI Bill denying unemployment allowances to veterans unemployed because of a work stoppage.

In an open letter to Gen. Bradley, AVC's national chairman Charles G. Bolte said the general's recent decision denying claims of veterans out of work as a result of the General Motors strike last winter, "points very dramatically to the ambiguity and injustice of this provision."

French delegate Leon Jouhaux, a WFTU vice-president, asked that the WFTU be given the right to insert questions on the council's provisional agenda, and to present written and verbal statements at its meetings.

Soviet delegate Prof. Amazasp Arutunian gave full backing to this request at today's joint meeting of the Economic and Financial and Social and Humanitarian committees.

British and Australian representatives stuck to the present setup whereby WFTU can make its points only through a subcommittee or "filter," as Jouhaux called it.

N. Z. Defies UN On Samoa Plan

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 22.—New Zealand's delegate threatened today that his country "would carry on as in the past," if the General Assembly rejects its proposal on trusteeship for Western Samoa.

Sir Carl Bren Berendson, the delegate, declared his country's plan, which calls for administration of Western Samoa as an integral part of New Zealand, could not be amended by the trusteeships subcommittee.

Sir Carl rejected proposals by Soviet and other delegations that Western Samoa be placed under the Security Council. He called on American delegate John Foster Dulles to back him up, pointing out that the U. S. delegation had similar intentions in the Pacific Islands.

Accidentally Kills Sister; Repeats on Self

SEBAGO, Me., Nov. 22 (UP). — Fourteen-year-old Charles H. Dauphinee accidentally shot and killed his 4-year-old adopted sister with a revolver last year.

Yesterday he tripped while carrying a shotgun and killed himself.

Dr. Lerner's Painless Extraction

By Milton Howard

(Second of Two Articles)

THE CIO's refusal to "purge" its ranks of Communists has been a bitter disappointment to its enemies.

But oddly enough, it is also a disappointment to some who say they are its friends.

PM's Max Lerner is one of these. His theory is that so long as there are Communists in the CIO, especially if they hold office, it will be "vulnerable to unscrupulous attack on the 'Red issue'."

Furthermore, opines Mr. Lerner, "America is a middle class country" and the middle classes presumably are hopelessly anti-Communist. Since labor needs the middle classes for an alliance against Hooverism, the conclusion is only too painfully clear to Mr. Lerner—the CIO and the labor movement has got to rid itself of its Communists.

NOW we're getting close to the heart of the matter.

Mr. Lerner opposes the kind of

witch-hunt of Communists so frenziedly proposed by some. But he is for a democratic ousting of the Communists from the trade unions, especially the CIO. A nice, legal, democratic, wholly liberal and progressive ousting of the Communists by the membership itself.

But on what basis is Mr. Lerner going to fight the presence of the Communists within the CIO and the labor movement? This is the crucial question.

If Mr. Lerner proposes to open up for debate and democratic decision by the membership the various economic and social policies, tactics, and ideas of the Communists who happen to be members or officials of trade unions, then he is proposing a democratic procedure.

No Communist trade union member could ever dream of opposing such a thing.

On the contrary, the Communists are always being charged with making nuisances of themselves (Mr. Lerner also charges it) by suggesting debates, discussions on their ideas.

So far this is obviously only a crude echo of the philosophy of the Tories themselves, a sort of mirror image of the Tory viewpoint, if I may vary the metaphor. Proceeding from the Left, he arrives at the conclusion prompted by the Right—get rid of the Communists.

But Mr. Lerner's special contribution to the building of the labor-liberal front is that he says he opposes any witch-hunts, purges or Red-baiting. He proposes that the Communists be fought "day after day in the unions" to "win away from them the vast trade union membership which is not Communist but has

no other militant leadership to turn to." He says:

"You cannot purge them by edict. But the members can vote them out of power."

If Mr. Lerner is proposing that the suggestions, tactics and platform of Communists be subjected to open and honest criticism, then he is merely proposing what the Communists themselves constantly urge.

But, in that case, how could Mr. Lerner be so sure that the opinion of the membership would support him and not the Communists?

THERE must be something else to this scheme. A little examination reveals what it is.

It is this: Mr. Lerner, while he pretends to be offering a "democratic ouster" of the Communists on the basis of democratic debate, is really proposing to oust the Communists on the basis of the very same kind of Red-baiting which is the stock-in-trade of the Tories.

Mr. Lerner does not propose to debate with the Communists on the basis of the usefulness of their ideas, or the accuracy of their views as tested by experience. He proposes, in fact, to slander and calumniate the Communists with the ideas common to all Red-baiters.

That is why Mr. Lerner quotes approvingly the falsehood of his British counterpart, Harold Laski, to the effect that Communists are "a secret battalion" within the labor movement.

That is why he can, in his writings, repeat the basic falsehood of the Tories that the Communists are "agents" of "a foreign power," why he can refer to the alleged "double allegiance" of the Communists, with the implication that

Communists can have interests different from and hostile to those of the working class and the nation.

In short, Mr. Lerner's proposed crusade against the Communists is not a proposal for democracy in the unions. It is a proposal for a witch-hunt disguised as democratic procedure.

FOR, if Mr. Lerner wanted to debate with the Communists what could he say?

That their theory of classes and class struggle in the USA is inaccurate? We could beat him on that without any trouble.

That the Marxist analysis of the concentration of capital and the rise of monopoly is wrong? A mountain of facts would refute him.

That the working class and the middle classes, farmers, small merchants, etc., do not have a common interest against the trusts, as the Marxists claim? We could clean him up on that.

What then would be his argument against us on the floor of the union? That we are "agents," criminals, stooges for Moscow, etc., etc., etc., all the familiar tripe manufactured by the Tories, the fascists for use against democracy itself.

Mr. Lerner is offering the labor movement the platform of an "anti-Monopoly, but also anti-Communist, militancy." He would steal Communism from the Communists, offering something almost but not quite like it. This is something that cannot exist. To the trusts and Tories all opposition is "communism."

In the end, Mr. Lerner would have to join with the Communists against the common enemy, or go over to the reactionary enemy. History knows no other choices.

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15 Live in This Rat-Ridden Harlem Apartment



These five children illustrate how they must sleep in one bed at 1657 Madison Ave., in East Harlem. (Left to right) Francis Nieves, 16, her cousin Ercal Roman, 5, and her three brothers, Felix, 3, Caridad, 5, and Joseph, 7.

Fifteen persons are forced to live in this small five room rat-ridden apartment, because of the acute housing shortage in this area. Kerosene stoves are their source of heat.

Below the children are shown listening to Francis read them a story in bed.

Many of the 200,000 persons in East Harlem, because of lack of money and apartments, are forced to live in similar conditions. A social worker told of 23 persons living in one small apartment. —Daily Worker Photo by Peter

Harlem Council Backs UNAVA Housing Plan

The housing committee of the Central Harlem Council for Community Planning met Thursday at the Harlem YWCA and endorsed the program of the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America for city action to open and rehabilitate boarded-up houses for homeless vets.

Walter Garland, state executive officer of UNAVA, told council members of the conditions prevalent in Harlem and outlined UNAVA's program aimed at immediately alleviating the situation. While some of the council members feared any wholesale rehabilitation program of existing structures would interfere with permanent housing programs, Garland emphasized conditions must be immediately corrected while effective long-range machinery is being set up.

Citing the findings of the recent

UNAVA Harlem survey that uncovered some 1,500 un-vandalized boarded up apartments, Garland called the plight of the Harlem vets "critical and beyond imagination."

The UNAVA problem calls for the City Housing Authority to rehabilitate immediately some of the city-owned houses and to foreclose for overdue taxes many other houses.

The Central Harlem Council for community planning is an organization of social agencies and leading citizens interested in advancing the welfare of the Harlem community.



Will Reconsider Budget; Moses' Items Under Fire

By Michael Singer

It appears that the people of New York are catching up with Commissioner Robert Moses. It took an eight-hour long capital budget hearing, voluminous statistics, and at times outspoken and indignant testimony, but the pet projects of Moses now included in the 1947 capital budget seem to be in for tough sledding.

Yesterday Mayor O'Dwyer, admittedly impressed by the argument of 60 teacher, parent, labor and civic spokesmen at the Board of Estimate hearings Thursday, announced the budget would be re-examined.

These 60 spokesmen had testified the capital budget was giving consideration to highways, parks and oceanariums—all conceived and put through by Moses—at the expense of schools, hospitals and libraries.

The Mayor yesterday called a meeting between the Board of Estimate and the Board of Education for next Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at City Hall to reconsider the capital budget appropriations for 1947 school construction.

The Board of Estimate, the Mayor added, was also impressed by the testimony at the hearing. He requested Andrew G. Clauson, president of the Board of Education, to

prepare a history of school construction in the past 10 years, its plans for modernization of old schools, an itemized presentation of schools needed, and information on a standard plan. He said the plan should provide gymnasium space for every school.

O'Dwyer told reporters he was interested in learning how restrictions imposed on building materials by the Civilian Production Administration could be lifted for schools.

At the budget hearing, the Board of Education asked for eight additional schools to be added to the 18 allocated, which is still behind the present need for 80 new schools to fulfill the minimum program required.

It is expected that next Tuesday's meeting will also re-examine appropriations for hospitals and libraries.

HE SAW WHAT SMUTS DID

"I was in South Africa in 1943," Harry Boyd told me as he walked the picketline in front of the South African Consulate on Fifth Ave. Thursday evening. "I was there and saw first hand the slavery General Smuts has imposed on the people."

And as he talked, the more than 250 people, Negro and white kept up the loud chant "Smuts must go, from the UN." "Hitler is not dead, he's in South Africa."

'General Smuts is disgracing the

UN," Harry continued, "by asking for annexation of Southwest Africa. He's already enslaved enough people. I hope the UN won't be blinded by his smooth talk."

The picketline, which marched for two hours, was organized by the Council on African Affairs to protest the proposed annexation of Southwest Africa and the oppression of eight million Africans and 300,000 Indians under Smuts' regime.

Mayor Signs Health Plan for City Employees

Mayor William O'Dwyer yesterday signed an agreement with the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York. The plan provides for voluntary enrollment of municipal employees and families in a medical care program.

Dr. Willard C. Rappleye, dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, is chairman of the plan.

The city has allocated \$500,000 in its 1947 budget to pay for its half of the program. Thus far officials estimate 85,000 municipal workers will be covered. Eventual cost to the city will reach \$5,000,000 when all 175,000 city employees join.

All city workers earning not more than \$5,000 a year are eligible. At least 75 percent of eligible employees in a department must sign before the group is accepted. The city pays half. Employees pay as follows:

An employee without dependents—56 cents a week.

With one dependent—\$1.12.

With two or more dependents—\$1.68.

Pays 13,130 Pennies

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 22 (UP). — Frank Corcoran, a peanut vendor, paid a court judgment today by counting out 13,130 pennies to settle a defaulted bill and court costs.

Harlem Tenant Sues for Repair

Charles Siegel, landlord of the house at 231 W. 115 St., is being hauled into court for housing violations, which include a ceiling hole in the kitchen of Mrs. Anna Richardson, a broken refrigerator, and seepage from broken plumbing.

Mrs. Richardson, who has lived there three years, refused to pay rent until the refrigerator was repaired. She obtained a summons for the landlord to appear next Monday at the Washington Heights Court. The landlord retaliated, with eviction papers, which become final also on Monday.

Mrs. Richardson is a member of the United Harlem Tenants and Consumers Organization. She has signed most of the tenants in the house. The tenants will meet tomorrow, Sunday in Mrs. Richardson's apartment, when Bonita Williams, executive secretary of UHTCO will speak.

Alarmed at the rising cost of living, Walter White, NAACP Executive Secretary, today sent an appeal to President Truman urging him to resist pressure to increase rent ceilings.

In addition to this message, the NAACP wired its larger branches, and those in strategic areas, urging they telegraph OPA Administrator Paul Porter, in Washington, D. C., demanding he stand firm against pressure to eliminate rent controls.

This action is in line with a telegram sent by the New York Consumers' Council to President Truman urging him to act to prevent lifting of rent ceilings. Over a dozen organizations, including the NAACP, signed this telegram.

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IN JIMMY WALKER'S REGIME
THE PEOPLE WERE TREATED CRUELLY

By Mike Gold

THE THING I BEST REMEMBER about the late Jimmy Walker is how he acted one winter day during the great hunger of New York. He was our Mayor in the first years of the depression. Over a million workers here had been cast out like dogs by capitalism.

It meant that with their families almost half of our 7,000,000 people were passing through hunger, cold and miserable death.



All over the city, in Central Park, along side streets, along docks of the East Side and the West Side, those famous Hoovervilles had sprung up, shack cities of the unemployed, hammered together of tin cans and soapboxes.

No lights, windows, no heat or sanitation, no water—and no food, except what could be stolen or picked up on garbage dumps or from garbage cans of restaurants and wealthy homes.

I WILL NEVER FORGET the Hooverville along East 10th St. by the river. Thousands of people there lived through the gales and storms of winter.

I remember a group of men cooking some stew in a pot before their shacks one afternoon while the tugboats hooted on the river.

Eight of 10 men, one of them had been a lawyer, two were former machinists, one was a Swedish carpenter, still clean and vigorous. He later cut his throat.

In another camp was a miner from Pennsylvania; there were several bookkeepers and white-collar men.

Now they looked and smelled like huns. One beggar had come back with a bag of meat scraps and bones he had begged in a butcher shop and they were boiling it up for stew.

An hour—two hours—passed. The cook, that Swedish carpenter, declared it still wasn't ready. They cooked it some more, and he tasted it again.

He put the ladle to his mouth and let out a howl of rage, cursed and cursed! The stuff had turned a thick evil-smelling muck! There'd been too much bone, too little meat!

FAMILIES with two, three, four children lived in the Hoovervilles. That big tin-can city out in Red Hook next to the garbage dumps was made up entirely of families.

And one gray morning I saw a mother run amuck there with a knife and try to stab everyone as though it might solve her children's misery to hurt human flesh.

But Jimmy Walker was a charming Mayor. . . . He was our Prince Charming, all the newspapers have said, and his quips and wiles endeared him to all. He was a Broadway hero, and

was cheered at the prize-fights, banquets and race tracks.

They loved the jaunty way he wore his hat to one side, the swagger of his walk, the cut of his clothes. They repeated his wisecracks and copied his neckties and shirts.

He was our Prince of Wales of male fashion. . . . He was a wonderful dinner orator, with the sob and smile that reach every well-fed banqueteer's soft heart.

I REMEMBER that finally the cold, hungry, frightened, dying people of New York managed to get together.

A demonstration was to be held at City Hall to demand relief of the city authorities. They would be asked to assume responsibility for the bankruptcy and failure of their system. . . . Humanity was to assert its rights again.

Jimmy Walker, that Prince Charming of the night clubs and man of the mingled sob and smile, was waiting on the steps of City Hall to greet the demonstration.

He had mustered almost the entire police force of New York and placed them around the park to welcome the hungry people.

THE COLD DAY dragged on, while thousands and more thousands of the unemployed drifted in from all the regions of New York, often walking from Hoovervilles as far as Red Hook and Harlem. In their torn clothes and leaky shoes, with many babies carried in arms, and their ragged banners, they filled City Hall Park, a scene of medieval famine acted against the skyscrapers.

Jimmy came out on the steps, and smiled his charming smile. Turning to the police official in charge, the debonair Mayor wisecracked:

"Well, chief, the party seems to be here. Now when is the ice cream being served?"

Whereupon the "ice cream" was served. An Army of policemen charged from every direction upon the hungry, defenseless people, with clubs, fists, feet, blackjacks. It was a horrible and revolting spectacle of inhumanity, a fascist coup.

Jimmy's whole regime as Mayor proceeded on that simple policy. When a jobless man asks for relief, club him—send him to the hospital! His Mayoralty was as bad as any fascist dictatorship for its brutality toward the people.

When he was forced by Gov. Franklin Roosevelt to resign in a hurry because of unspeakable graft and corruption, New York workers never mourned his loss.

Only among those who share graft and spread corruption and despise the working class this Prince Charming and his sob and smile were mourned.

PESTBROOK WIGLER, ROVING REPORTER



"Is there any truth in the rumor that you're seeking the Republican nomination in 1948?"

Let's Face It

GOP's Program for FEPC

by Max Gordon

THE SENATE REPUBLICAN Steering Committee's appointment of Sen. Eugene Millikin of Colorado as a one-man subcommittee to "study" FEPC and anti-poll tax

legislation gives us a pretty good idea of what to expect from Republican congressional leaders on these important issues.

Sen. Millikin was not only one of those who voted against stopping the filibusters when the anti-polltax and FEPC bills were being considered, but he publicly expressed his opposition to an FEPC with any real powers of enforcement.



The appointment is in line with all the slippery maneuverings of the Republicans on these two issues over the years. While trying to evade responsibility, they have consistently played ball behind the scenes with the Southern tory Democrats.

AS A SAMPLE, let's take the fight for FEPC early this year. In the Senate, the central question was to defeat the filibuster of the polltax Democrats, whose aim was to talk the measure to death.

The polltax Democrats received substantial help from the Republicans, most of whom did not want it to come to a vote because they did not want to see it passed, but wanted to avoid going on record against it.

First, the Republican caucus decided to keep the Senate sessions going to 6 p.m. every night during the filibuster. Had they decided not to adjourn at all until the filibuster were broken, there would have been a strong possibility of licking it.

Second, the filibuster could be broken by a cloture vote—a vote to shut off debate—which requires a two-thirds majority. While 16 signatures are needed on a petition to get a vote on cloture, those who really wanted to pass FEPC had decided to continue circulating such a petition until they had enough signatures to guarantee the cloture vote would actually pass.

BUT THE REPUBLICANS, under the leadership of Sen. Robert A. Taft, kept pressing for a quick cloture vote. They forced a premature vote on the petition and it was licked with the help of Republican votes.

It is no wonder Taft did this. He too, like Millikin, has openly opposed an FEPC with teeth in it, and once even offered an amended version which would merely set up an "education"

FEPC.

In the House, Republican members of the Judiciary Committee ganged up with polltax Democrats to keep the FEPC bill bottled up in the committee; about 140 of the 192 Republicans refused to sign a discharge petition to get it out of the hands of the committee, though only 50 additional signatures were needed to complete the petition; and most Republicans ducked the issue or sided with the polltax Democrats when Rep. Vito Marcantonio conducted a bitter parliamentary fight to get the bill before the House through a procedure called "Calendar Wednesday."

THIS IS THE sorry history of the GOP stand on the FEPC issue. Two things can explain it:

1—The GOP leaders represent Big Business which is against FEPC or any other real steps to end race discrimination.

2—The Greenville, N. C. News last month carried an item which said that if the Wallace forces win leadership in the Democratic Party in 1948, the Southern Democrats will have to go elsewhere. The Republican leadership in Congress is not insensitive to the fact that in any political realignment, its ally will be the semi-feudal polltax reactionaries of the South, as they have been in Congress. They do not want to break their close political ties with these polltaxers if they can help it.

But there is one flaw in their position that may prove fatal to their plans. Their election platforms of the past few years, particularly the national platform of 1944, promise FEPC and anti-polltax legislation.

If the popular demand for these measures becomes powerful enough, the Republicans, with their eye on 1948, may find it extremely tough to squirm out of these promises.

Worth Repeating

Vladimir Clementis, Czechoslovakian Communist Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs and United Nations delegate speaking on the veto issue before the UN said: "To replace the principle of unanimity of the great powers by a formalistic, juridical equality would reduce the United Nations Organization to inactivity and even disrupt it. And every idea which would have such consequences, even if it outwardly and from a formalistic point of view seems justified, is in reality unjust and bad. It would be unjust towards those nations which in the past have always suffered most from aggression and from the inability of nations to create an instrument which would suppress aggression in its inception."

— Press Roundup —

Winchell Looked Through Wrong Keyhole Again

THE DAILY MIRROR'S Walter Winchell berates CIO President Philip Murray for refusing to support an anti-Communist crusade. He asks: "By the way, Mr. Murray, isn't that the mistake the German trade unionists made—which resulted in the rise of Adolph Hitler?" If Winchell left the Stork Club and went to the N. Y. Public Library he could learn that the German trade unions did just what Winchell asks Murray to do. The German unions organized an anti-Communist crusade, and expelled the Communists. As a result the working class was divided so Hitler could come to power—on the slogan of anti-communism.

THE DAILY NEWS iron cross columnist John O'Donnell demands "a trial of America's war criminals." He means Americans who decided to defend their country against the Axis. O'Donnell thinks Roosevelt, not Japan, was responsible for Pearl Harbor.

THE HERALD TRIBUNE'S writer Robert E. Nichols says "Russia is winning the war of ideas." The reason, Nichols believes, is that America doesn't conduct enough propaganda.

PM's Alexander Uhl notes that Bevin has continued the foreign policies of Churchill which includes: support for the reactionary Greek monarchy and for Franco; failure in Palestine; talk of war with Russia and an increased armament burden. Uhl sees great promise in "a growth of protest among Laborites."

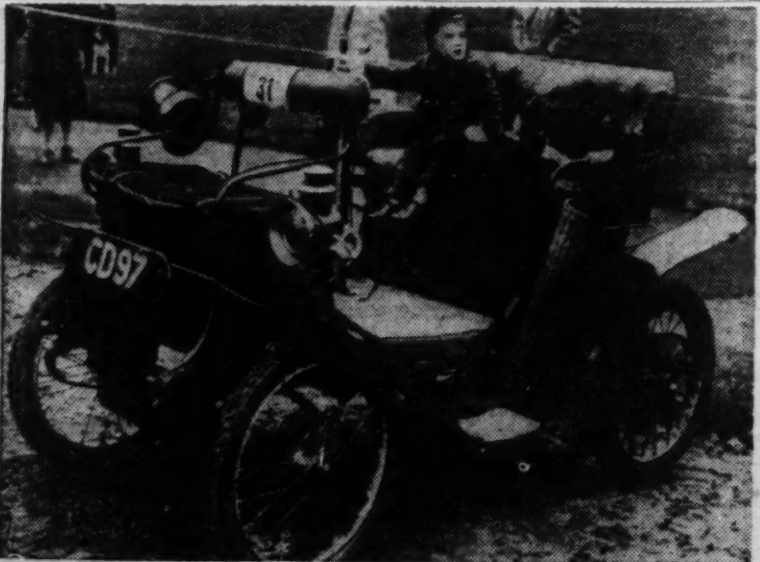
THE POST'S Dorothy Thompson doesn't think Elliott Roosevelt and Henry Wallace are authentic followers of the late President's viewpoint. But she can't resist attacking Roosevelt for his friendship with the Soviet Union. She accuses FDR of yielding "to the Soviet plea for security. . . ." If that plea had been heeded sooner Hitler never would have overrun Europe.

THE TIMES is not satisfied, now that Molotov broadened his resolution on troop data to include all troops in all foreign countries. Why doesn't the Soviet Union tell how many troops it has in the Baltic, the Times wants to know. The Baltics were part of Russia 230 years before Texas was part of the Union. And the Times is much more interested in needling the Soviet Union than in facts about intervention of troops in foreign lands all over the globe.

THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN wants high tariffs and none of this business of easing trade barriers.

THE WORLD-TELEGRAM can't see any basis for disagreements on foreign policy. Accept Vandenberg . . . or else.

THE SUN condemns monopolies. . . . But in case you're thinking of Alcoa, ITT or the Steel Institute, rest assured. The Sun means labor unions.



Where's the Horse? This 1900 model De Dion Bouton was one of a group of 120 old-time automobiles which recently completed a trip from London to Brighton to celebrate British motoring's fiftieth anniversary.

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A Phony Hysteria

HIGH-POWERED radio commentators, joined by the major newspapers, have been clamoring on the hour every hour that the coal miners' demand for a 40-hour week at living wages is a "strike against the government" and "a plot against the country."

Nowhere is the slightest mention made of the mine owners whose obstinate denial of working conditions prevailing in other industries was the cause, last May, of the government's assuming operation of the mines.

The miners, engaged in one of the most hazardous occupations, are asking a 40-hour week. Yet the government, cheered on by the mine owners, answers with an injunction which, in effect, says: "You cannot have a 40-hour week which is written on the statute books of the nation."

The miners ask for the same take-home pay earned until now. Anyone who has ever seen a mining town with its clapboard houses, outdoor toilets and drab stores knows that for the miner this pay means just enough to pay the butcher, the baker and the grocer, whose security in turn is linked with the miners' purchasing power.

Since the last wage raise in coal, prices have climbed at least 25 percent. With Big Business looking forward to a Republican Congress to do its bidding, there is no end in sight to the price climb.

With its injunction, with the army and FBI agents swarming over the coal fields and with its hysteria-inciting brownout orders, the government has joined the conspiracy of Wall Street to milk the public—a conspiracy which, if successful, will inevitably hasten a new and more devastating economic crash.

But America's 200 master corporations view such a crash (a "shakeout" in the parlance of top business circles) as one which will leave them more securely in the economic saddle.

The city middle class, the professionals, the merchants and the farmers—at whom the hysterical radio and press propaganda is aimed—will receive short shrift at the hands of the bankers and top corporations if this plot succeeds. All too fresh is the memory of the early '30s with its foreclosures of farms and homes, the stifling of credit and bankrupting of small business. Trade journals already are advising "caution" in advancing credit to those with moderate incomes.

Labor, in taking the lead to block this conspiracy, is defending the interest of the nation. The master banks and corporations, emboldened by the steps in Washington, have set themselves against the country in the coal dispute.

Booby Traps at UN

BRTAIN'S Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin is not enthusiastic about the resolution calling on all UN members to reveal their troop disposition in foreign lands.

Schooled in the British tradition of diplomacy, Bevin didn't bang the table the way Texas Tom Connally did, and demolish straw opponents born in his own imagination. What Bevin suggested was that any troop survey be postponed.

Since there is another Soviet proposal on the order of business for world disarmament, Bevin asked that the troop survey be combined with disarmament.

However, as the French representative pointed out when he supported the Molotov resolution, there is no conflict between getting the facts on troops in foreign lands and disarmament.

What conceivable argument can be advanced against a troop survey? First, there was objection from American spokesmen that any such survey should include troops in former enemy lands as well as in friendly countries.

This objection was met in Molotov's resolution. True, this had not yet dawned on Connally. But Bevin understood it. So his continued refusal to support this proposal poses the question, what is Bevin trying to hide?

As for Texas Tom, he seems more interested in conflicts, arguments and debates than in finding an area of agreement and mutual understanding.

Winning the peace means getting agreement among the powers whose unity won the war. No one can deny that getting the truth about troops and achieving disarmament will be major steps towards insuring peace. Those who make such a denial are placing booby traps on the road to a just peace.

Letters From Our Readers

Approves Campaign To Improve Press

New York.
Editor, Daily Worker:

I am sending the Worker questionnaire with this letter and would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the campaign to improve the Party press. This questionnaire idea is a swell way to help accomplish that end.

The spirit of cooperation evidenced by this project between the editors and the reading public should bear some real fruit. You have shown the way and the responsibility now rests on our shoulders to help you improve the paper and to support all of our press.

D. R.

A Plug For Cheesecake

Brooklyn, N. Y.
Editor, Daily Worker:

In my opinion, the DW can no more have a mass circulation than can the Wall Street Journal as long as it remains a technical paper. The average reader wants news which he thinks is not slanted. People who work for their living gravely inform me that the DW is "one sided." The paper should be written in a way that convinces the mit's on their side.

The average reader wants comics, movie guides, cheesecake, columns a la Billy Rose, etc. Therefore, I suggest the Daily should not be a strictly technical paper for Communists and class conscious workers.

LOYAL READER.

Found DW on Staten Island Ferry

St. Paul, Minn.
Editor, Daily Worker:

It was the Daily Worker that opened my eyes back in 1932. I found it lying in a seat while riding a ferry boat from Staten Island to Manhattan.

I like the paper and I wish every reader after reading his Daily Worker would hand it to a worker, a friend, mail it to somebody or leave it in a streetcar or bus. I have obtained many readers from copies I mailed away.

J. J. K.

Gerhart Eisler's Story

By Art Shields

THIS IS THE STORY of Gerhart Eisler's escape from a Vichy hell in France, and his work against the Nazis in America. Gerhart Eisler, the German Communist whom the Hearst press is slandering, was a leader in the underground war against Hitler for many years before America entered the conflict.

His life was always in danger. In 1933, when Hitler took power, he barely escaped the headsman's axe by fleeing to France, where he joined the brave band of exiles who were smuggling anti-Nazi literature into Germany.

He crossed the Pyrenees in 1937 with the Thaelmann Brigade to fight Hitler in Spain, and was back again on the hazardous German border in 1938.

FRENCH TRAITORS interrupted his work.

"We were first arrested," said Eisler, "by Premier Daladier's police in October, 1938, on the day that von Ribbentrop entered Paris to celebrate the Munich surrender. We were arrested again on Aug. 30, 1939, on the outbreak of the war, while we were trying to mobilize the German people for the overthrow of Hitler."

Eisler was shipped in October to Camp Vernet, where thousands of the International Brigade were confined.

The winds that blew down from the icy Pyrenees were no colder than the hearts of the guards in that lice-ridden camp in south France.

Memories of comrades' deaths there kept coming to Eisler's mind as we talked in his flat in Queens.

THERE WAS THE MURDER of T. Buge, one of the German anti-Hitlerites, for instance.

Half-insane from floggings, hunger and lice-borne fever, this German anti-fascist had tried to crawl through the barbed wire, and had gotten stuck. Unable to move forward or backward he hung helplessly moaning on the jagged fangs of the camp fence while the long-fingered searchlight was seeking him out.

Suddenly Buge's tattered blouse flashed bright in the light—and the guard's rifle cracked.

"I can still see the red spot widening like a saucer on his shirt in the glare of the light," said Gerhart Eisler.

"The rifle bolt rattled, and the gun cracked again, and yet again and again, as Buge's shirt kept turning redder and redder."

The barracks where Eisler slept were as dark as death at night. There wasn't even a candle to per-

mit him to see the face of Siegfried Redel, former Communist deputy in the Reichstag, who slept elbow-to-elbow beside him on the wet straw under the leaky roof.

PRISONERS WERE FORBIDDEN to sing.

The guards' orders didn't stop them, however. The strains of Solidarity, Red Wedding, Peat Bog Soldiers, Freiheit, Gedanken Sind Frei (Thoughts Are Free), the old 16th Century Peasant War Song, and the revolutionary adaptations of the Spanish Rumba, Rumba, shook the unlighted barracks every night.

Mobile guards would rush in madly clubbing the dim figures of the singers in the long narrow pine shanties, but the singing continued every night and the colonel in charge gave in.

"We celebrated our victory at a public singing performance in the open air, Christmas Day, 1940," Eisler recalled. "We had rehearsed for the occasion, and thousands of us stood up together and sang our workers' songs in the hearing of the Vichy colonel himself."

"We felt like new men. A little Spanish soldier near me, with the unhealed stump of an amputated left arm, who had never gotten any medical attention in the camp, sang like a giant that day."

THE 1940 MAY DAY celebration was a glorious event.

"The mobile guards had gotten drunk. They had heard rumors we wouldn't dig ditches or do any other work that day. They were going to beat us up with a vengeance. But they hardly knew us when we came out of our barracks May First."

"Germans, Yugoslavs, Czechs, Italians, Spaniards and all the other anti-fascist internees were dressed up to celebrate that day. Somehow nearly everyone managed to scrape up a clean shirt and clean shoes, and white flowers for a boutonniere."

"We strolled in the sunshine all day, refusing to work. A few men got beaten, but we had established our right to our international day."

There were continual demonstrations for food.

"Several men died in my barracks of starvation in the first months," said Eisler. "They just

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UE Local Elects Negro President

The first Negro president of a UE-CIO local in New York was elected yesterday when Machine and Instrument Local 1227 ballots revealed a majority of more than 300 for Edward Washington. The local has a membership of 3,500 in Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn, with Negroes constituting 20 percent of the membership.

Prior to his election, Washington had been shop chairman in the Gussack Machine Products Corp., and served two terms as vice president of the local.

A popular Queens community leader, Washington ran for City Council in 1945 with American Labor Party endorsement. He was also president of the Pointer Democratic

Club and a member of the Negro Labor Victory Committee.

Elected with Washington were Nathan Daniel and Gus Macheroni, vice presidents; Benedict Hashmall, recording secretary; Haris Schuttig, financial secretary; James Trenz, activities director; James Garry, Sidney Gilbert, William Rubens and Ruth Stevens, business agents; an executive board of nine members; and four trustees.

Washington defeated his opponent, Joseph Governale, 1,059 to 752.

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Tonight Manhattan

SWING your chick at our Turkey Trot. Entertainment, dancing, refreshments. Sat., Nov. 23, 8:30 p.m., sub. 75 cents. Rosa Luxemburg Branch, CP, 201 W. 72d St., Rm. 216.

INTERNATIONAL Folk Dances and American Square Dances. 8th floor gym, Washington Irving High School, 16th St. and Irving Place. 8:15 p.m. Instruction 75 cents.

HEY! Watcha doin' Saturday night? Swell entertainment and food at Brooklyn College AYD's party, 7th floor, 13 Astor Pl. presenting repeat performance "Ghost of Bevin's Father." Folksay leaders: guitar, singer; square, social dancing. 8 Sub. 65c.

CHAPTER One Party: a novel night of entertainment among the writers; international stars; dancing, drinks, sub. 75c. Hotel Albert, University Pl. and 11th St., 8 p.m. Sponsored by Contemporary Writers and Peoples Radio Foundation.

TURKEY TROT and Dance. Saturday, November 23d at Club 65, 13 Astor Place, from 9 p.m. until 77 Foner Bros. Band, entertainment, refreshments. Part proceeds to Anti-Lynching Crusade. Adm. \$1.25 in advance, \$1.50 at door. Ben Davis Club and Village Club No. 1.

PARTY given at 77—5th Ave., by members of Educational Club. Gala time to be had by all; entertainment, refreshments. 9:00 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23.

LIFE IS BETTER at Tom Paine Youth Club: dance to good music; see "The Negro Soldier" sound film; hear Howie, original Balladeer; and be happy! 493 W. 145th St., 8:30 p.m. Sub. 75 cents.

YOU'D better come early. Wm. Gailmor, Radio Commentator speaks. Progressive Forum, 13 Astor Place. Dancing. 75 cents. See box ad.

JOIN our fun, members, friends. Interesting discussions, surprise attractions, congenial atmosphere. Cultural Folk Dance Group, 128 East 16th St. 8:30 p.m.

FOR one helluva time! Come to our Pre-Thanksgiving party, Sat., Nov. 23. Food, drinks, fun. 230 Wooster St., Washington Square East. 8:00 p.m. Walt Whitman Club, CP (Hunter).

NYU AYD Social. Folk Dancing—Sammy Nash; songs—George Levine; hot piano—Sammy Whitman; others. Social dancing, refreshments. 125 W. 33d St., sub. 50 cents.

Tonight Bronx

REMEMBER the fun we had last time. Join us again! All-Russian musical. From Gregorian chant to Shostakovich. Followed by dancing, good food and drinks. Adm. 50 cents. Sat. nite, Nov. 23. Fordham Club, 1 E. Fordham Road.

WE'LL let you in on something big. Be sure not to miss our gala Pre-Thanksgiving Trot. Dancing, evening of surprise, re-

freshments, entertainment. Adm. 65 cents. 505 E. Tremont Ave., Club Clarity, AYD, 8:30 p.m.

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BIRTH Announcement of Ocean Hill AYD. Celebrate with the happy parents. Dance, sing and be merry at 1529 Pitkin Ave. (above Hoffman's), Sat. Nov. 23, time. 8:30 p.m., adm. 90 cents.

WE need your dough to send delegate to National AYD Intercollegiate Chicago convention. Come on down—have a bang-up time and send her off! Sol Geffner Club, AYD, CCNY 23d St. E. Session, 415 Grand Street. 8:30 p.m., 1st floor.

Tomorrow Manhattan

"CHARLES BEARD and Economic Determinism." Lecture, explanation, discussion on Beard's reactionary politics and its effect on American historical writings. Speakers, Francis Franklin, author "The Rise of the American Nation" and Elizabeth Lawson, author of "Samuel Adams, Selections from His Writings." Chairman, Ben Pascoff. 8:30 p.m. 80 cents. Jefferson School, 575 6th Ave., at 16th Street.

HEAR Gobind Behari Lal, Pulitzer Winner—"Harnessing Atomic Energy." Progressive Forum, 13 Astor Place. Dancing, 75 cents. See box ad. 8:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY Jewish Music Series. Hear Siegfried Landau discuss Cantorial music; Nov. 24th, 4 p.m. Metropolitan Music School, 111 W. 88 St.

GREENWICH Village Folksay Nite. Stella Dian, German Folksongs; Plute Pete, Square Dances, Mass Singing; Marshall Shaw, Social Dancing. Theodore Dreiser Workshop, 106 E. 14th St., Penthouse, 8:30 p.m.

Tomorrow Bronx

MT. EDEN Section Communist Party presents George Brahm in a discussion on the Fight for Peace. Also social and refreshments. Time, 8:15 p.m. 125 E. 170th St. Donation, 40 cents.

Coming

DANCE—Club Avalon Vets, Friday, Nov. 29, 8:30 p.m. Abby Blatt and Orchestra. Entertainment, refreshments. Sub. 75 cents. IRT to Allerton Ave. Cooperative Auditorium, 2700 Bronx Park East. Club Avalon, Vanguard, Community Centre.

CAMP UNITY Reunion Dance—Proceeds to Carver School. Golden Gate Ballroom, Sat., Jan. 11. \$1.20 in advance. AT 9-6969.

Garden Rally to Hear Vishinsky



ANDREI VISHINSKY
At Amity Rally

Andrei Y. Vishinsky, USSR Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and Soviet delegate to the United Nations, will speak at the "Get Together With Russia" rally Monday, Dec. 2, at Madison Square Garden, it was announced yesterday by the Reverend William Howard Melish, chairman of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, sponsors of the rally.

CRC Asks Bilbo Probe Outside of Miss., Too

A plea that the open hearings on Sen. Theodore G. Bilbo's fitness to take his seat in the new Senate not be confined to Mississippi was directed today to the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee by the Civil Rights Congress.

Applauding the decision of the Senate committee to open its inquiry in Jackson, Miss. on Dec. 2, the civil rights organization warned that certain witnesses, especially Negroes, would be reluctant to give testimony in the "restrictive and threatening atmosphere which pervades the state."

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RANTING RANKIN DEMANDS ANTI-LABOR LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Rep. John Rankin (D-Miss), for the second time this week urged President Truman to call a special session of Congress for enactment of anti-labor legislation.

Claiming the nation is under the "reign of racketeers," Rankin declared:

"We are going to have to repeal some of the crazy laws now on the statute books and pass some new legislation in order to protect this country, and guarantee to every American the first freedom, that is, the freedom to work."

At the same time Rankin in-leased excerpts of the record of last week's clash with Dr. Harlow Shapley, noted Harvard astronomer. It showed Rankin considered CIO-PAC and Citizens PAC un-American organizations. Shapley was asked at the closed hearing about his connections with the groups. He was requested to identify a let-

ter sent to an unnamed individual in which Shapley discussed political activities and told of a forthcoming meeting with the two PAC groups.

Shapley refused to identify the letter, which was obviously a personal message, or to answer any questions without advice of counsel, according to the record.

WE APOLOGIZE

The DW regrets a statement made yesterday in "In the Negro Press" to the effect that "... an Uncle Tom is just about the lowest form of human life."

Lynchers, fascists, torturers of women and children would fit the statement better. Besides it might be viewed by many as a white chauvinist remark. It is the job of the DW to concentrate fire upon the system and people who create and use such persons.

COAST TO COAST

DETROIT.—One hundred and fifty delegates of Polish, Jewish and trade union organizations met Sunday, Nov. 17 in Detroit to give their united answer to those who seek to create division and suspicion between these peoples.

Summoned by the United Committee of American Poles and Jews, a joint program of struggle against anti-Semitism was hammered out at the conference. The delegates pledged themselves to all out support of the new democratic government of Poland and called upon the United States government to promote friendly relations between our country and Poland, and to grant the Polish government an adequate loan to rehabilitate its industries.

Gerhart Eisler

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couldn't fish enough potato peelings and bones out of the watery soup we got twice a day to keep alive.

"Here was our diet: Black coffee for breakfast, thin soup for lunch, and soup and a scrap of bread for supper.

"Nothing more except a piece of stinking horse meat the size of a 50-cent piece, on Sunday." Then came the rebellion.

"SOME FRENCH FRIENDS had smuggled in a package of food. And my friend, Siegfried Redel, and two other comrades, were cooking it in a pot over an open fire outside. We were smelling the savory mutton, potatoes and cabbages and onions with delight, when a mobile guard kicked over the pot and laughed in our faces."

"That guard barely escaped with his life.

"More guards ran up with drawn guns, but the men were utterly fearless. I saw Spaniards tearing off their shirts, and shouting, 'Shoot, you scoundrels, shoot!'

"The colonel in charge was afraid he hadn't enough men to handle the trouble. He agreed to negotiate with elected spokesmen of the prisoners themselves.

"We elected our spokesmen by secret ballot in every Vernet barracks. The camp at the foot of the Pyrenees was the only place where democracy was practiced in Vichy France that day."

The Nazi and Trotskyite stool-pigeons that the camp commanders designated as the men's spokesmen were out of their jobs.

"And we won the right to get food from the outside," added Eisler. Packages from what is now the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee of New York, headed by Dr. Edward K. Barsky, saved many lives."

DAY BY DAY also Eisler, Redel and their comrades were fighting the unending battle against concentration camp lice.

"We never won the battle," said Eisler, "but we kept the itching parasite on the run. We were up at 5 a.m. for a cold bath without soap in the trough in front of the barracks—breaking ice in winter—and warmed up with brisk calisthenics later.

Comradeship reached a high point among the victims of Vernet.

Prisoners formed a sort of collective. Packages of food and clothes were dealt out to the most needy. Tailors stitched ragged blouses and jeans together. Cobbler closed the holes in the shoes.

(Another article tomorrow)

In Memoriam

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Say . . . I Saw Your Ad In the Daily Worker

On the Scoreboard

By Lester Rodney

THIS IS just another in our series of size-ups of the metropolitan basketball teams for the coming season. But this one must have a whole column. Speaking in low, halting voice over the phone, CCNY coach Nat Holman has just painfully confessed:

"It is potentially the greatest team I've ever had. We have reserves, we have talent, we have experience."

It is no accident, as the phrase goes, that Nat says "reserves" first. Prancing around the floor at the Convent Avenue gym these



"POTENTIALLY MY GREATEST"
Nat Holman

afternoons are varsity stars of last year and other years unable to make the first five this time. The reason for this unique situation, of course, is the return to education of athletes who left City College to join the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Merchant Marine, and an impressive contribution to victory indeed did the boys of CCNY make.

To properly estimate Holman's estimation, you should know that he belongs to the understatement school, and has been known to moan low on the eve of his most successful seasons. You should also know that since he took the coaching job in 1919, CCNY's teams, invariably younger and smaller than their opponents, have won 308 games and lost 111.

When he says "potentially the greatest" it becomes interesting to recall the team of 1931-34 which won 43, lost three and was rated the best thing the country had in the way of collegiate quintets. The younger fans to whom the names mean naught will pardon the mention of Spahn, Goldman, Davidoff and the Trupin boys—the names Schmones, Trubowitz et al may look equally as good to you in print ten years from now.

There are traditions and traditions in college sports. Basketball is it at City College. Up in the Garden galleries (and back in the teeming gyms and armories before the game moved into the big time), there's a spirit of boisterous intimacy in the rooting that's not often found elsewhere. Part of it must come from a feeling of complete identity between the student body and the team. The boys who wear the Lavender shorts are from the same crowded neighborhoods of our big city, they meet the same high scholastic standards, they are not set apart as "athletes." Their comparative youth and accompanying malleability coming to the same coach over the years has resulted in a peculiarly City College style of play, a style marked by burning speed, dazzling passwork, keen alertness and flexibility. Good to watch.

All these words and still no mention of the personnel of the '46 team. That's what happens when you start writing of CCNY. We haven't even touched on the background of Holman himself. Let's just say quickly that he was the greatest basketball player of his day on the most renowned to ever throw a ball, the Original Celtics, and get on with this thing.

Hilty Is Back

If you set in on the startling 49-44 upset of NYU that concluded the past season in March, you saw three members of this team's tentative first five. There was Hilty Shapiro, just back from the Pacific, whose bustling floorwork, drive under the baskets (and 17 points!) threw the great NYU team off balance. There was Lionel Malamed of the 82nd Airborne, who returned toward the end of the year and averaged over 15 points a game. And Paul Schmones, only senior on this 17-man squad, All-City selection and leading CCNY scorer with 202 points. The other starters that night were Bob Scheer, now ineligible, and Sonny Jameson, the Negro freshman star from Seward Park who has been forced back to the second team but will certainly see as much action as any, modern basketball being what it is.

The two who have moved up

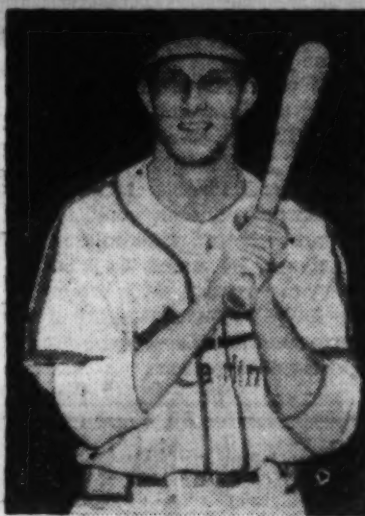
are Sid Trubowitz, Navy returnee, and Phil Farberman, a young man who came home with five battle stars from the ETO. Trubowitz was CCNY's high scorer three years ago and Holman calls him the team's all-round standout. Farberman, 6-2, a Tilden High lad, got most of his experience playing with Brooklyn amateur clubs. "A great ball handler," says Holman, "and will make some eye-opening plays."

Three other former regular starters, back from the services, Ev Finestone, Sid Finger and Moe Brickman, are teamed at present with Jameson and Irwin Dambrot on a second team.

On a third team are such play-

ers as Milt Breenberg, a hustling regular much of last season, Ike Dubow, Air Corps returnee, Dave Williams, 18-year-old Negro freshman star from Seward, Paul Malamed, Lionel's brother, and big Joe Galiber, 6-4, 205-pound Negro sophomore.

There are others but you can already see what Holman meant by "reserves." It's a team in the Holman-CCNY mold, but older, more seasoned and better manned than ever. It should be borne in mind that other colleges, notably NYU locally, are similarly stocked with returned stars. But "potentially the best" at CCNY in basketball must be regarded as potentially the best—period.



ANY DISAGREEMENTS?
Stan Musial

Stan Near Unanimous 'Most Valuable'

Stan Musial of Donora, Pa., and the St. Louis Cardinals, a major league veteran but a rookie at 1st base, was the near unanimous choice of the baseball writers yesterday as most valuable player in the National League for the 1946 season.

Musial, who switched from his familiar outfield position to first after the season started, received all but two of the 24 first place votes cast for the highest point total since the player awards were established.

He is the third player in National League history to win the award twice, having been picked as an outfielder in 1943. Carl Hubbell of the Giants in 1933 and 1936 and Rogers Hornsby, in 1925 and 1929, were the others. This was Musial's first chance to defend the honor since he was in the Navy in 1944 and 1945. He also is the second player in major league history to be named the most valuable at two different positions. Hank Greenberg of Detroit won the American League award as a first baseman in 1935 and as an outfielder in 1940.

Musial, a left hander who led both leagues in batting with a .365 figure, joins Ted Williams.

The only other first place votes also went to a member of the pennant winning Cardinals, outfielder Enos Slaughter. However, second

USC, Illini, Yale, Hoyas Picked

It's climax day on the college gridirons of the land, with Conference titles, Bowls and what not hanging on the line. Here's a quick look around:

USC is in a good spot to upset UCLA's Bowl dreams at Los Angeles in the game of the day before over 100,000 raincoat-wearing fans. USC's steady improvement, the loss of UCLA star backs Cal Rossi and Ernie Johnson, plus the expected

"dew," put a heavy burden of proof on the unbeaten Westwood lads.

ILLINOIS, with the Rose Bowl assignment definitely in their grasp with victory, should beat their old rival Northwestern to clinch the Big Nine title. There are lots of great backs on both sides, but Buddy Young of Illinois, starting to roll, is the greatest and may make the difference. Northwestern, beaten thrice, still outstatistics the Illini in rushing and passing, however.

YALE seems to have too much for Harvard in the Big Three payoff at Cambridge, but it's coach Dick Harlow's swan song and the lads in crimson will be doing their darndest. A fine Yale line, sparked by Fritz Barzilasskas, a backfield with old Eli's greatest passer in memory, Tex Purse, and greatest runner in ditto, Levi Jackson, should do it.

In other big ones around the country, Michigan's powerhouse should down Ohio State with one eye on the Illinois score, Tennessee's big team should beat Kentucky to clinch a Southern Bowl Army is idle and Notre Dame has a romp over sub-par Tulane.

New York offers two good games. In and out Syracuse meets in and out Columbia at Baker Field and the Lions should be in for this wind-up despite the fact that comparative scores would give the Orange an edge. Syracuse beat Cornell, which beat Columbia, but does that mean anything? Tune in your radio at 5 p.m. today and find out.

NYU, which put on a grand show in downing Fordham last week, has a real tough cookie in Georgetown for its finale. Probably just a little too tough despite the improvement in the Violet and the brilliant play of back Dave Millman and end Irv Mondschein. The Hoyas were just edged by Boston in the last quarter, which is the tipoff, but it should be a close game nonetheless—and who knows... It's at the Stadium and you can get a seat if you're so minded.

Here's an NL "Most Valuable" Team

On the basis of the highest number of votes received for each position the National League would field a team of Slaughter, Walker and Ennis in the outfield, Musial, Stanky, Reese and Hatton in the infield, Edwards catching and Sain, Brecheen, Pollet and Higbie pitcher. Four of these players are rookies. (AND FIVE ARE FROM THE DODGERS!)

place in the balloting went to Brooklyn Dodger outfielder Dixie Walker, who nosed out Slaughter by getting more second place votes.

Musial, despite his unfamiliarity with the first bag position at which he had never played before, adapted himself so handily that at the end of the season he was acclaimed the league's best player at that position. It was his busy bat, however, which won him the award. He led both leagues in hits with 228, in triples with 20, and in doubles with 49. He paced the National in runs scored with 121.

The 'Daily' Roundup

Labor Gym Clicks

ABOUT 150 MEN and 50 women from three union locals had themselves some exercise and a good swim at Seward Park High Thursday night as the Labor Sports Federation gym plan opened up Badminton, volley ball, basketball and physical conditioning were on the program in addition to swimming. Fine time had by all.

KNICKS, leading Eastern pro loop, meet Cleveland at 69th Army to-night. Been playing to about 3,500 there, well short of capacity. Cleveland stars include Sailors, Wyoming; Baumholz, Ohio; Fought, Notre Dame; Shaback, James Monroe. ARMY SAYS no Bowl game of any

kind after a huddle. Disappointed over Rose Bowl freezeout, want no substitutes. . . . Billy Fox, winner of all 41 of his fights by K.O., meets Gus Lesnevich at the Garden Feb. 28 for light heavy title. Contracts signed yesterday.

LETTER FROM New Kensington, Pa., tells us more of champion high school team that spurned invite from Miami, players refusing to go if three Negro members left home. Town is few miles out of Pittsburgh, home of giant Aluminum Co. of America plant, solid CIO, and mighty proud of its high school champs as football team and as Americans.

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WOR-Sports Question Box
WJZ-News; Jimmy Blair, Songs
WCBS-News; Harry Marble
WQXR-News; Music to Remember
6:15-WNBC-Marion Hutton, Records
WOR-Lorenzo Fuller, Songs
WJZ-Chittison Trio
WCBS-Democratic Talk
6:25-WQXR-Here, There in New York
6:30-WNBC-Football Scores
WOR-News-Fred Vandeventer
WJZ-Harry Warner, Sports
WMCA-Racing Results
WQXR-Dinner Concert
6:45-WNBC-Religion in the News
WOR-Sports-Stan Lomax
WJZ-Labor-U. S. A.
WCBS-Larry Lesneur, News
WMCA-Sports Resume
7:00-WNBC-Our Foreign Policy
WOR-Guess Who-Quiz
WJZ-Voice of Business
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WQXR-News; Concert Stage
7:15-WJZ-Elmer Davis-News
WCBS-Jean Sablon, Songs
7:30-WNBC-Curtain Time-Play
WOR-Arthur Hale
WJZ-Curt Massey Show
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WMCA-News Reports
WQXR-Memorable Moments

7:45-WOR-The Answer Man
WMCA-Fashion in Melody
8:00-WNBC-Life of Riley, with William Bendix
WOR-Twenty Questions
WJZ-Famous Jury Trials
WCBS-Hollywood Star Time
WQXR-News; Symphony Hall
8:30-WNBC-Truth or Consequences
with Ralph Edwards
WOR-Juvenile Jury
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WCBS-Mayor of the Town, with Lionel Barrymore
8:55-WCBS-Ned Calmer, News
9:00-WNBC-Roy Rogers Show
WOR-Minutrel Show
WJZ-Gangbusters-Play
WCBS-Hit Parade
WMCA-News; Concert Music
WQXR-News; Symphony Hall
9:30-WNBC-Can You Top This?
WOR-Leave It to the Girls
WJZ-Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
9:45-WCBS-Saturday Serenade
10:00-WNBC-Judy Canova Show
WOR-Theatre of the Air
WJZ-American Melodies
WMCA-News; Dance Music
WQXR-News; Record Album
10:15-WCBS-This Is Hollywood
10:30-WNBC-Grand Ole Opry
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W.C. Handy Always Stood Around Listening to People Singing

By David Platt

William Christopher Handy, the grand old man of the 'Blues,' who was 73 on Nov. 16, has lost the sight of both eyes. But he is still active and youthful and angrier than ever at the injustice of a system which keeps his people down. The composer of *Memphis Blues*, *St. Louis Blues* and many

other works that have made musical history, was in an excellent mood when we dropped in on him the other day at his midtown Manhattan office.

Handy, whose "Blues" were inspired by the primitive songs of coalminers, stevedores, washerwomen, steel-workers and sharecroppers, songs "centuries deep within the soul of the black and blue race," spoke eloquently of his wanderings up and down the country in search of material for his music. He spoke of the hardships that face Negro artists and how he was almost lynched and swindled out of the copyright of *Memphis Blues* — the first genuine Jazz music — because he was Black.

Mastered Cornet

He spoke of Florence, Alabama where he was born in 1873 in a log cabin to parents who were among "the four million slaves who had been freed and left to shift for themselves"; and how at an early age he could identify almost any sound within reach of his ears, including the whistle of each of the river boats on the Tennessee; and how as he grew up he learned the rudiments of music from a "quaint" instructor at the Negro district school, mastered the cornet, joined a Negro minstrel band, played and sang almost anywhere for anyone, saw music in everything.

Handy said *The Memphis Blues*, which created a new style in American folk music when it appeared in 1909, was born in an election campaign. A certain E. H. Crump, running for Mayor, hired him to write a good campaign tune. Mr. Crump — the title was later changed to *Memphis Blues* — was the result. The song enriched many but not the man who wrote it.

Cheated out of the copyright, Handy said he made exactly \$50 on the work in the first 28 years of its existence. It was only in 1937 that the copyright to the first "Blues" ever written down was legally restored to its rightful owner.

One of the most interesting musical experiences we have had in a long time was in Handy's office listening to *The Memphis Blues*, *Joe Turner Blues*, *St. Louis Blues* and other Handy classics being sung by the composer himself with his assistant at the piano.

Birth of The Blues

The *Memphis Blues* made its appearance as part of an election stunt, but many of Handy's later songs were composed out of old tunes he had heard and remembered during his travels through the south. For example, *John Henry Blues*, about the steel-driving man who died with a hammer in his hand, was based on a melody Handy had heard in the rock quarry as a boy. *Sundown Blues* was adapted from a levee song picked up along the Kentucky waterfront. *Goin' To See My Sarah* was developed from a tune popular among coalminers at the beginning of the century. The *Joe Turner Blues* was built around the hated guard of the chain-gang, Joe Turney, who had a way of hand-

cuffing eighty prisoners to forty links of chain.

Harlem Blues was shaped from tunes that Handy heard sung while employed as a molder's helper in Birmingham's Bessemer Iron Works. From rudiments like this the "Blues" was born. "Suffering and hard luck were the midwives that birthed these songs. The blues were conceived in aching hearts."

Shoeboot's Serenade, on the other hand, was written in reply to a white musician who doubted Handy's ability to write or even read music. Handy "coldly but politely suggested to him that if he would name a classical melody," he would promptly give it a rag-time treatment — both words and music. The white skeptic said: "See what you can do with Schubert's *Serenade*."

Once while sleeping on the cobblestones in St. Louis back in the 90s, Handy heard a group of guitarists strumming a tune called *East St. Louis*. It had many one-line verses and they would sing it all night:

"I walked all the way from old East St. Louis
And I didn't have but one po' measly dime."

Years later this tune served him in the composition of the celebrated *St. Louis Blues* which appeared thirty-two years ago, in 1914.

Handy once told Marius Risle, a student at St. Bonaventure College that most of *St. Louis Blues* came out of the hardships of "those down-and-out-days in St. Louis. I hated to see the evening sun go down, was in dread of those sleepless nights on the cobblestone levees." *St. Louis Blues*, he stressed,

Norman Corwin at Garden Rally, Dec. 2

Norman Corwin, famous radio author and producer just returned from the Soviet Union, will be one of the main speakers at the "Get Together With Russia" rally Monday, Dec. 2, at Madison Square Garden. The meeting will also hear Andrei Y. Vishinsky, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, USSR, and Soviet delegate to UN.

Arthur Laurents Play Revived

The Henry Street Settlement announces the revival of *Home of the Brave* by Arthur Laurents to be presented by the Henry Street Playhouse. The show, given here last week, was so enthusiastically received by packed houses that it will run again on Nov. 29, 30, and Dec. 1 in the evenings.

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Today, Handy at 73, though physically handicapped, continues to be active as a writer, composer and editor. His reputation as the first to write down what we now call the Blues is now well established.

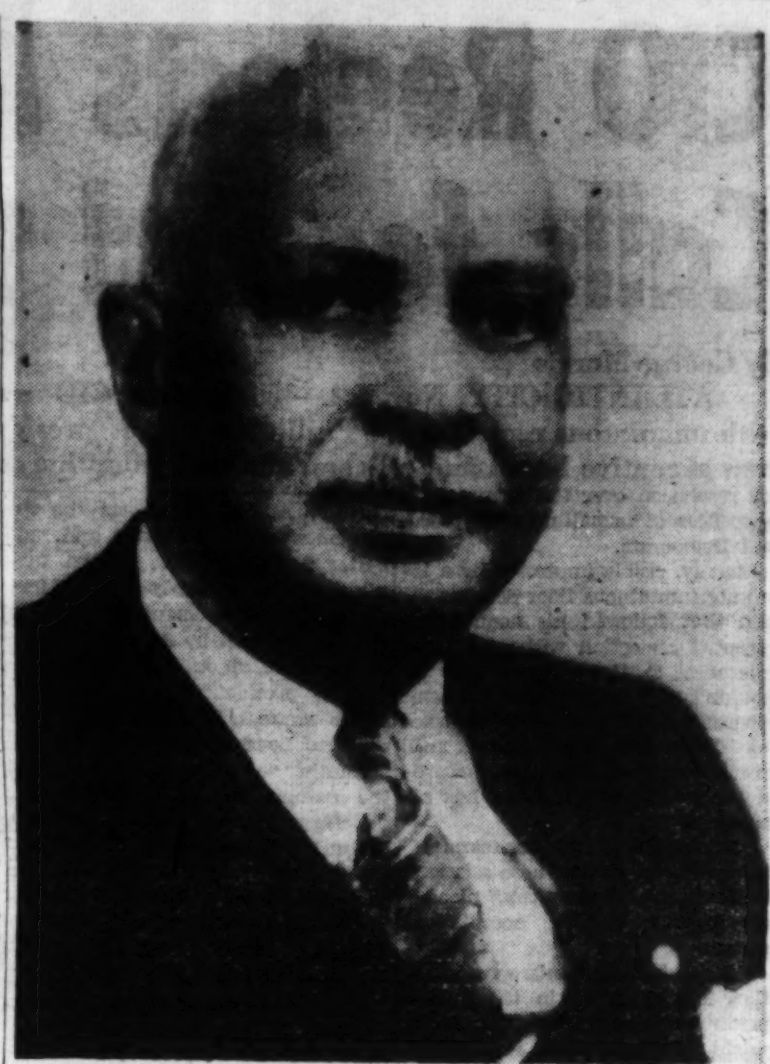
In searching around for a thought that would sum up the life and work of the author of *Memphis Blues* and *St. Louis Blues*, I came upon this paragraph in *Father of the Blues*, Handy's autobiography.

"In Memphis in the early summer evenings a blind woman would stand on the corner and sing in a weird voice, 'An' Somebody's Wrong About Dis Bible.' Something always compelled me to stop and listen to her while my handsomen would remind me that I would be late on the job. I remember one saying, 'You are always standing around listening to people singing.'"

American music has been enriched because a man named W. C. Handy always stood around listening to people singing and wrote down and developed the "blue diamonds in the rough" that came from the depths of the troubled Negro people.

Susan Reed Recital

Susan Reed, 19 year old, freckle-faced folksong sensation, will give a recital of "Ballads at Midnight" at Town Hall tonight, Saturday, at 11:30 p.m. Miss Reed, who accompanies herself on the zither and the Irish harp, will sing English and American folk ballads as well as a number of spirituals, learned from South Carolina neighbors in her childhood. "Ballads at Midnight" is the second in a series of four late concerts being presented at Town Hall under the title of "The Midnight Special."



William Christopher Handy, 'Father of the Blues.' Several of Mr. Handy's finest pieces will be performed by Duke Ellington and his Orchestra at Carnegie Hall tonight and Sunday night.

The Private Life of A Magnificent Heel

An interesting, if unconvincing, tale of a thoroughgoing ne'er-do-well and subsequently downtrodden heel is currently on view at the Winter Garden, with Rex Harrison, last seen in the title role of *The King of Siam*, portraying the *Notorious Gentleman*. A product of the Gainsborough studios in London and released here through Universal, the

Rex Harrison film is technically superior to most English movies. But beyond its technical achievements in photography, direction and script, and the excellent acting of Harrison in the role of the drunken, irresponsible rake, *Notorious Gentleman* adds nothing to the stature of either the British born actor or the British films.

Between the epilogue and the prologue, which relate an incident in the recent war having no connection with the central story, is unfolded what the advance blurbs describe as "the private life of a magnificent heel who lived by his wits."

His private life consists of being expelled from Oxford, failure in a

business career arranged through a friend by his wealthy and prominent father, marrying a sweet and trusting girl to help her and her family escape from the Nazis, wallowing in drink and debt, becoming a male taxi-dancer in order to eat, and finally winding up in the arms of his true love who, with sweetness and light, rehabilitates his tattered soul.

This is decidedly meager and nonsensical stuff for so capable an actor as Rex Harrison. Long a leading star in Britain, and well known to American audiences before from his excellent portrayal in *The King of Siam*, his first American film, Harrison deserves far better roles than *Notorious Gentleman* offers. It is to be hoped that he will get roles more in keeping with his unusual talents in the films now being prepared for him.

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CIO Reelects Murray; Convention Calls for End to Atom Stockpiling

By George Morris

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 22.—The eighth CIO convention adjourned today with unanimous reelection of Philip Murray as president, some surprises in the new executive board and officers, and with adoption of a progressive foreign policy resolution over the unsuccessful opposition of a small minority of Social Democrats.

Murray, visibly impressed by a 15-minute tumultuous floor demonstration that followed his nomination, accepted reelection without even a reference to the rumors that he wouldn't run. He promised the same progressive militancy that marked the CIO's successful course until now, asking only that he be accorded the same unity that he has always had.

"Pay no attention to the scandal-mongering of those whose mission in life it is to destroy you," pleaded Murray in his acceptance speech.

"A great deal of misrepresentation has appeared in the public prints concerning the CIO. They might increase in the ferocity of their attacks. Let no one create conflict in this movement. . . . We should march forward unitedly."

The election brought some surprises that caused consternation in the ranks of the red-baiters. While Walter Reuther, of the United Automobile Workers, was named vice-president in line with the custom of giving the post to presidents of unions, R. J. Thomas, whom he defeated for the UAW presidency, was retained in the CIO vice-presidency with Murray's steel union nominating the latter.

George Baldanzi, in behalf of the textile union and apparently for the Social Democratic adherents in the convention, angrily entered a statement into the minutes objecting to the nomination of more than one vice-president from a union.

FEW OPPOSED

But only a few scattering votes were registered in opposition to the nine nominated for the vice-presidency. Reid Robinson, of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, did not run for reelection as vice-president.

Ross Blood, secretary-treasurer of the shipbuilders, also sought to take the floor to enter a statement, but Murray ruled him out of order.

Robinson withdrew after the right wing group made an issue of a charge pressed by opponents in his union that he sought a loan from an official of a company. Robinson was exonerated by his executive board, in his own convention, and subsequently by a referendum vote of the membership.

Robinson, however, is now on the general executive board of the CIO, replacing James Leary, whom he defeated in his union for the presidency.

The vacancy left by Robinson was the focal point for a great deal of backstage interest. The original candidate the right-wingers groomed was Samuel Wolchok, of the Retail and Wholesale Workers. At a latter stage, in their attempt to attract some middle-of-the-road support, they switched behind O. A. Knight, of the oil workers. Knight was actually nominated on the floor. As the nominating speech was being made for him, mimeographed copies of his biography were being distributed to newsmen. But he apparently sensed that his candidacy was doomed when the steel union's nomination of Thomas was made, and he withdrew. He was later commended by Murray as a gentleman for withdrawing.

OTHER BOARD CHANGES

In addition to replacement of Leary, other changes on the executive board increased the strength of progressives or eliminated rabid red-

baiters. Among them was the replacement of the deserter and red-baiter Morris Muster, of the furniture union, by newly-elected Morris Pizer; replacement of deserter Frank McGrath by James Mitchell, of the shoe union, and the newly-elected president of the packing house workers, Ralph Helstein, who replaced Lewis Clark.

Another significant change was the naming of Ferdinand Smith, secretary of the National Maritime Union, on the board in place of M. Hedley Stone, who formerly held the post. This adds a second Negro to the CIO's top body. The other is Willard Townsend, of the United Transportation Service employees.

James B. Carey was reelected secretary-treasurer, a large section of the convention remaining seated on a standing vote.

FOREIGN POLICY DEBATE

The resolution on foreign policy brought the only controversy on a convention issue. Jack Altman, vice-president of Wolchok's union and head of the "committee of 34" red-baiter union officials recently formed in New York, took issue with most of its basic aspects. The nay vote that backed him was about 15 percent.

Altman expressed the regular New Leader Social-Democratic line. He attacked the Soviet Union, proposed that the term "fascism" be replaced with "dictatorships," that aid to China should not be conditioned upon a democratic coalition and that the veto be eliminated from atomic control.

He wasn't answered. Delegates impatiently pressed for adjournment. Chairman Van A. Bittner, of the resolutions committee, merely noted that the resolution was recommended unanimously by 28 members of the resolutions committee, most of them presidents.

URGE ENDURING PEACE

The resolution declares that an "enduring peace requires first and above all assurance that there will not be resurgence of militarism or Nazism in Germany of Japan," and called for the fulfillment of the agreement among the Big Three for destruction of all the vestiges of fascism.

The resolution demands severing of diplomatic and economic relations with Franco Spain and Argentina, and that the government "use its influence with the United Nations to assist the people of Spain and Argentina to rid themselves of this dread disease."

The resolution further calls for an "early agreement among the powers for world disarmament."

"Grandiose demonstrations of military power through large standing armies and naval powers, establishment of worldwide military bases, by any nation, do not lend themselves to establishment of mutual trust," the resolution goes on. "As a result, our nation now has an annual military budget of billions of dollars."

The resolution demands self-government and self-determination for colonial peoples "free from interference or coercion from any source—benevolent or despotic."

Calling for a "free, united and independent China," the resolution demands that intervention be stopped in China's internal affairs and no military aid be given to "any faction."

"The present nationalist government must build a democratic

coalition of all elements in Chinese political life. On this basis we shall be able to demonstrate our deep friendship for the Chinese people by extending full and generous economic aid," says the resolution.

The convention called for continuance of the Roosevelt good-neighbor policy in the western hemisphere. Urging continuance of UNRRA and loans to all needy allies at low interest rates, the resolution warns:

"We also urge that under no circumstances should food or any other aid given any country be used as a means of coercing or influencing needy people in the exercise of their rights of self-government."

The resolution commends the government for suggesting international control of atomic energy.

"However, if we are to have peace," the resolution continues, "the stockpiling of atomic bombs must cease. By this immediate and initial action our nation will strikingly demonstrate that when we say peace, we mean peace."

"Above all," concludes the resolution, "the common people of this country demand that there be a fulfillment of the basic policy of our late President Roosevelt for friendship and unity among the three great wartime allies—the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union. Failure to accomplish this necessarily means dissension and strife in the world, and ultimate war."

"Our great war President recognized that friendship and unity could flow only from understanding, negotiation and agreement, and not from maneuver and pressure and denunciation on the part of any of the Big Three who share the major responsibility to the peoples of the world for permanent peace."

"We reject all proposals for American participation in any bloc or alliance which would destroy the unity of the Big Three."

RESOLUTION ON PAC

Another highlight of today's short but most significant session was the report of Jack Kroll, director of the CIO's PAC, and action upon the political resolution, which calls for continuance of the PAC with still greater intensity.

Kroll said that while the results of Nov. 5 were a defeat for progressives, he is in "thorough disagreement with prophets of gloom" who speak of "landslides" and "sweeps," and he added that the PAC has no apologies to make.

The key to PAC policy is a big turnout of voters, said Kroll, but he noted that, out of 91 million people eligible to vote, 60 million registered and only 34 million voted. Thirty-four victorious Republicans were elected with fewer votes than they drew in defeat in 1944. He further noted that the Democratic vote dropped from 25½ million to 16 million while the GOP vote dropped from 22 million to 19 million.

"In other words, the Republicans did not gain votes. The Democrats simply lost more votes than their opponents," he said.

"One of the most important political tasks will be to organize for effective work on the 1948 primary campaigns and conventions of both parties," said Kroll.

A last-minute resolution called upon unions to press for the continued rent control.

Wounded Ukraine Aide Seen by Mayor

Mayor William O'Dwyer yesterday visited Gregory Stadnik, Ukrainian delegate to UN, who had been shot by local thugs, at the Roosevelt Hospital. He expressed his regrets



DEATH CREEPS UP on 18-month-old Jimmy Williams, leukemia victim, in Miami Beach hospital, as funds are being raised to help his destitute parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Williams.

Camden Cops Attack Newspaper Pickets

CAMDEN, N. J., Nov. 22.—State authorities refused tonight to intervene in the 17-day-old strike at the Camden Courier-Post where several thousand CIO workers marched with striking members of the American Newspaper Guild.

Aid of state police was sought by Mayor George E. Brunner and Sheriff Robert Moyer. Approximately 100 policemen charged into the mass picket line and seized more than 30 demonstrators. Three pickets were injured.

A call for a "general sympathy holiday" was issued by John J. Fabian, president of the South Jersey CIO Industrial Union Council.

Several thousand workers from the New York Shipbuilding Corp. joined the picket line and later another 2,000 came from the RCA-Victor plant.

Thirty-two pickets, charged with disorderly conduct, were released in \$25 cash bond each for a hearing in Camden police court Monday.

BULLETINS

BILBAO, Spain, Nov. 22 (UP).—A strike today paralyzed the Bilbao steel industry, largest in Spain, as a work stoppage beginning in the Altos Hornos de Vizcaya steel works spread to all other steel plants in the city and to nearby mines.

Day-long conferences by the governor of Vizcaya province with workers' and employers' representatives failed to bring a solution.

The strike was directly connected with the food situation as workers summarized their demands in the slogan "Food, not words" and the strike was said to have resulted from the workers' refusal to work overtime because they were not receiving sufficient food.

SHANGHAI, Nov. 22.—Narcotics and surgical instruments critically needed in the United States and surgical dressings made by American housewives during the war have been sold as surplus to Chinese merchants by the Foreign Liquidation Commission.

Among the narcotics were morphine, cocaine, codine and opium compounds. The bandages were those made by wartime Red Cross Service Clubs in the United States.

to the Ukrainian delegate and promised the city would "leave no stone unturned" in the apprehension of the thugs. The Mayor told reporters at City Hall he had pledged the full medical facilities of the city to the hospital, if such aid was needed in Stadnik's case.

Stadnik was wounded in the right thigh in the Trylon Delicatessen, 36 W. 56 St., by two gunmen who held up the shop and ostensibly ran off with \$150 Wednesday midnight.

Stadnik was in the store with A. D. Voyna, another member of the delegation staff, who escaped unhurt.

The Mayor was accompanied to the hospital by Police Commissioner Arthur Wallander and the chief surgeon of the Police Department, Joseph Baldwin.

O'Dwyer refused at first to say anything about charges the shooting might have been politically motivated as implied by the chief of the Soviet UN delegation, Dmitry Manuilsky. There are Ukrainian pro-fascist and White Russian cliques in New York City who have participated with Bundist and pro-Nazi groups in the past and have never concealed their hatred for the Soviet Union or the Ukrainian Republic.

Later in the day the Daily Worker reporter at City Hall asked Mayor O'Dwyer:

"Are the police checking any possible political motivations in the shooting?"

The Mayor answered: "The police are checking the facts—only the facts."

Police are sticking by the premise that the shooting was due to nervous hold-up men who mistook the delegates for detectives.

One official told the Daily Worker, however, Wallander's statement to the Soviet consul-general Thursday night that nothing would be overlooked in the investigation "still holds." This may mean that the police are checking into the possible political motives in the attack.

Stadnik is suffering from a fractured thigh. The bullet has been removed and a blood transfusion has been administered. He is reported to be in good condition.